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SUBJ: AID PRIVILEGES/IMMUNITIES UNDER US-BDG BI-LATERAL AGREEMENT

REF: A. DACCA 949; B. DACCA 951

1. CONTRARY TO AGREEMENTS OUTLINED REFS A AND B DURING NEGOTIATIONS AID BI-LATERAL IN FEB-MARCH, BDG HAS OVER LAST SEVERAL WEEKS RAISED DISTINCTION BETWEEN DIPLOMATIC AND NON-DIPLOMATIC STATUS. SPECIFICALLY, CASE IN POINT IS IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES OF AID STAFF NOT RPT NOT SHOWN ON DIPLOMATIC LIST.

2. IN DISCUSSION TODAY WITH CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DCM WAS ASKED IF PROCEDURES NOW FOLLOWED IN BD ARE COMPARABLE IN SUBSTANCE TO THAT FOLLOWED NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. FYI. ALL AID PERSONNEL WITH EXCLTION DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY ARE SHOWN ON SEPARATE LIST PROVIDED MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHICH SHOWS COMPARABLE RANK AND CATEGORY. END FYI. BDG HAS INFORMALLY STATED ITS PREFERENCE TO RESOLVE ANY QUESTIONS BY PLACING ALL AID EMPLOYEES ON DIPLOMATIC LIST. WE HAVE DISCOURAGED THIS APPROACH AND HAVE ATTEMPTED SEEK IN A LOW-KEY MANNER OTHER SOLUTIONS.

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3. BELIEVE OUR ABILITY ADVISE BDG THAT PROCEDURES FOLLOWED HERE

ARE COMPARABLE TO OTHER COUNTRIES WCW GO FAR TOWARD PUTTING THIS
QUESTION TO REST. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL HAS INDICATED HE WISHES
ADDRESS THIS QUESTION AGAIN WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. REQUEST
ADDRESSEE POSTS OTHER THAN AID/US ADVISE US SOONEST AND DIRECTLY
OF PROCEDURES FOLLOWED WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO AID PERSONNEL,
AND AID/W REACTION AND DISCUSSION PRECEDENTS OTHER THAN IN
ADDRESSEE POSTS.
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